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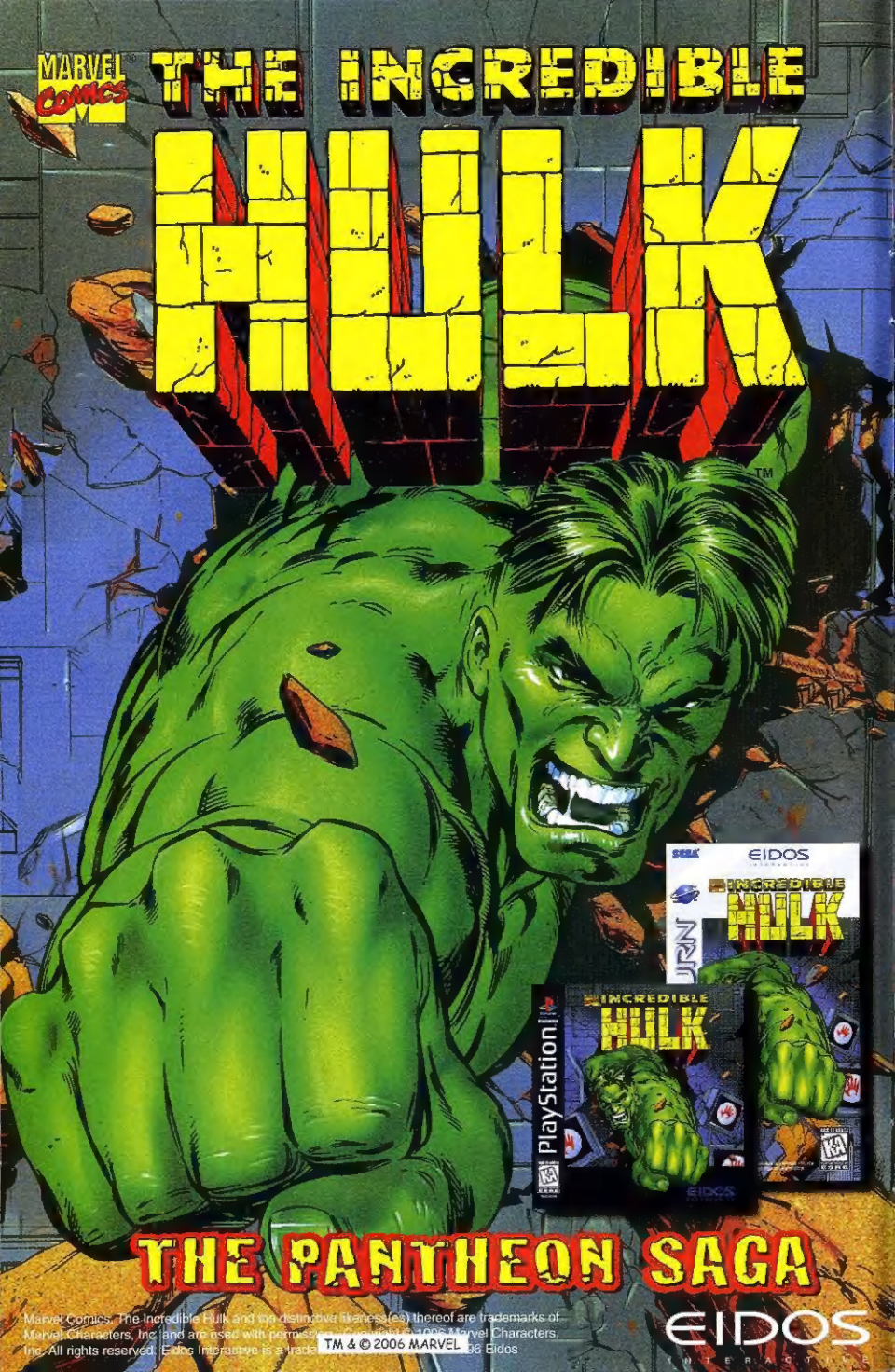
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-- THE HULK BELIEVES HE CAN FIND BRUCE BANNER, THE CREATOR OF THE GAMMA BOMB.
HIS CREATOR.
WHAT THE HULK DOES NOT KNOW IS THAT HE SEARCHES FOR HIMSELF.
ENOUGH!
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HULK WILL SAY WHEN IT IS!
ENOUGH!!
Shhh...IT WAS LOKI IN THE GUY FAWKES MASK!
MAN WITH HAMMER TELLS HULK "ENOUGH!"
FOR BRUCE BANNER IS THE HULK.

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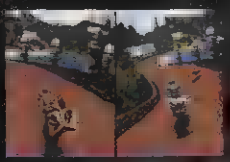

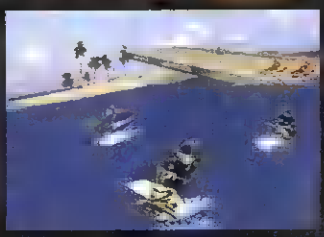

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HAMMER HURT HULK.
GIVE IT TO HULK.
NAY.
NONE, SAVE I MAY WIELD THE ENCHANTED MJOLNIR.
GIVE.
HULK.
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BUT THOU WILLST LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO DO BATTLE WITH THE GOD OF THUNDER.
FOR EVEN THE HEAVENS ABOVE BOW TO MY WILL!
SO IT HATH BEEN SAID!

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SUDDENLY...
THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. EYE ONE. DO YOU COPY?
GO AHEAD. BUT REMEMBER, YA GOT AN AWFUL LOTTA FOLK'S OUT THERE WITH THEIR EARS ON.
SIR, COLONEL... IS... IS... THAT YOU?

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I'LL SEND YA AN AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE FER YER BIRTHDAY, YA YAHOO.
NOW, REPORT, OR I'LL HAVE YA ON REPORT.
I... I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER WAY TO PUT THIS, SIR...
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AGENT SMITH.
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IN ENGLISH.
Um. IF THEY CRACK THAT GAMMA CORE. SIR.
IMAGINE THE EASTERN SEABOARD...
...STARTING AT NEVADA.
WONDERFUL.
WITH MAYBE FOUR PEOPLE ON THIS ENTIRE PLANET WHO CAN STOP IT.
ONE OF 'EM IS THE FLAPPIN' KING OF LATVERIA.
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MAN WITH HAMMER NEEDS HAMMER TO HURT HULK.
AE!
NE'ER DOTH I REMEMBER A MENACE SO UNRELENTING.
LET US HAVE AT IT THEN!
...THERE GOES THE MEETING ROOM.
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AND HAVE FISTS DO WHAT URU ALONE COULD NOT!
BRAK
AS THE TITANS CLASH --
-- LITTLE NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE DESTRUCTION OF Dr. HENRY PYM'S LAB.
WHERE THE SYNTHEZOID VISION LAYS COMATOSE --
-- WITH THE DIMINUTIVE ANT MAN TRAPPED INSIDE!"
BLAST ISH!-- Eric!
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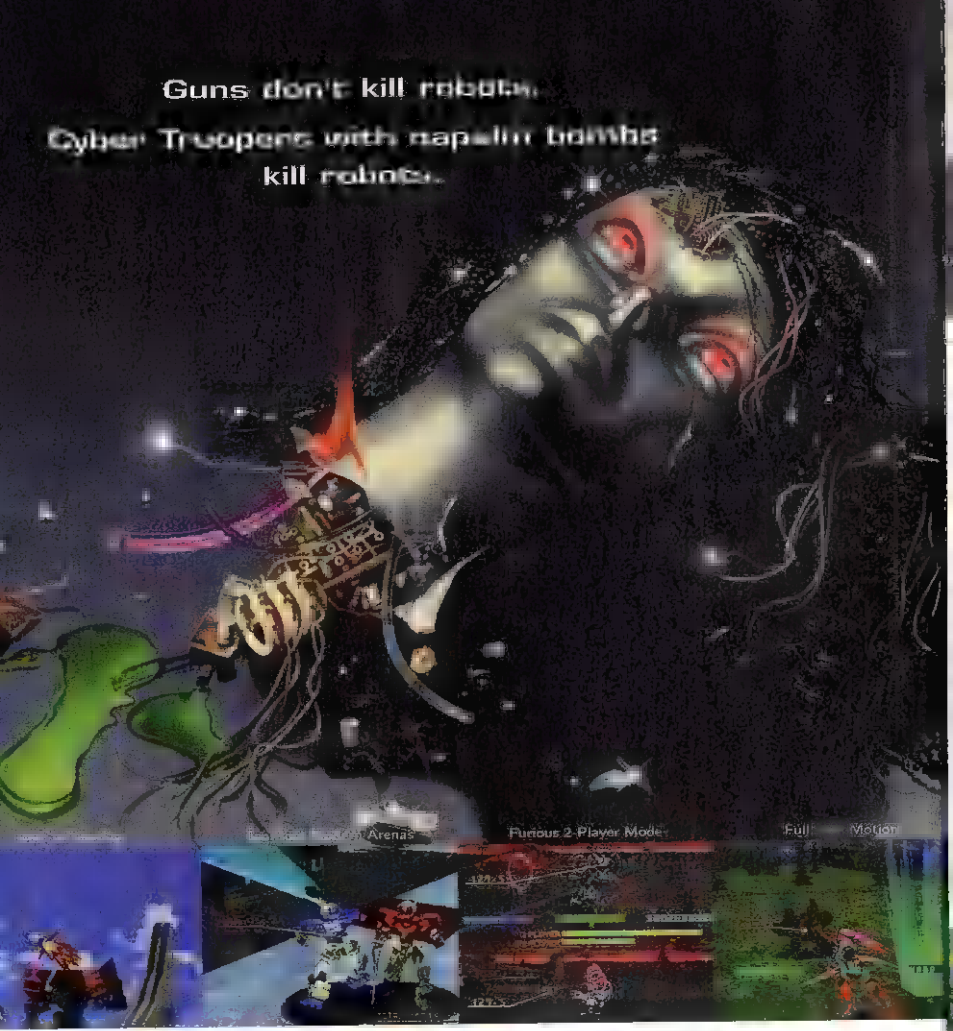

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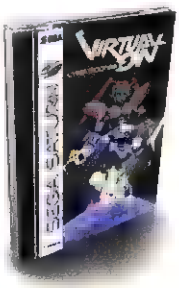

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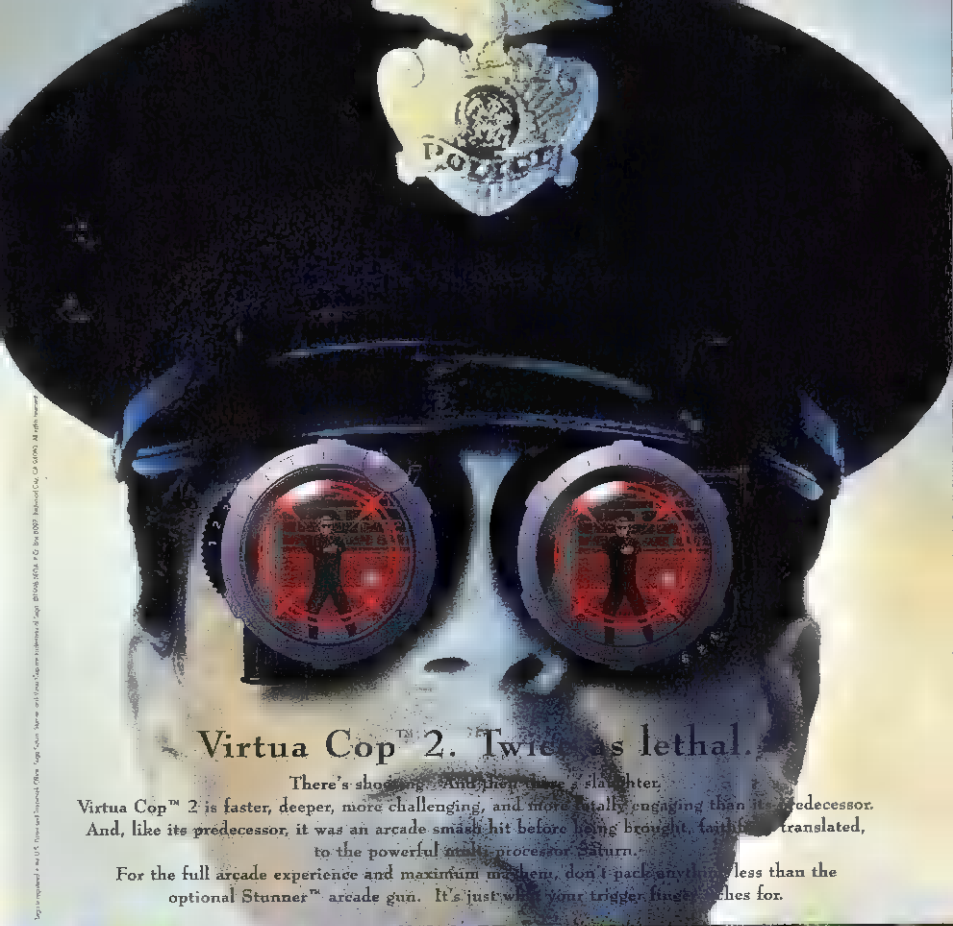

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I KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE THOU ART THAT CAN WITHSTAND SUCH BLOWS.
BUT ON THIS DAY, IF A GOD HATH INDEED MET A "HULK"!
THEN THIS HULK MUST FALL.

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BULLPEN BULLETINS

EXCALIBUR #106 ushers in the brand new creative team of *Ben Raab* (2099: WORLD OF TOMORROW, DOMINO) and *Salvador Larocca* (GHOST RIDER), as well as a brand new direction for the Britain-based mutant group. *Excalibur* is soon to move beyond its status as the European mutant team, and become a super hero group that is truly international in scope.

In the wake of the world-altering events of *Onslaught* and subsequent rise in anti-mutant hysteria, *X-Men* founder and mentor *Charles Xavier* has been taken into custody by the U.S. Government. Now, unsure whether he will ever see Charles again, his former student (and current Excalibur leader) *Nightcrawler* will realize that he owes Xavier a great debt. To repay it, he intends to pick up Xavier's mission where he left off — namely seeking out and training young mutants in the use of their powers. As Ben explains, "Excalibur's been pretty locked into Britain for a while now. With this new mission, they're going to be travelling all over, finding mutants throughout the world, and repaying the debt they realize they all owe to Xavier. I really would like them to be known not just as the British X-Team, but the international X-Team."

There are lots of exciting developments already planned for next year, some of them kicking off in this month's very issue. The first story arc establishes Excalibur's status quo, as well as bringing in a new team of villains: the *Dragons of the Crimson Dawn!* There's not much we can reveal about 'em here, except that they're extremely powerful, out to conquer the world, and their main target is Excalibur's own *Captain Britain!* And according to Ben, the resolution of the story "will have a major, *major* effect on *Brian Braddock's* status quo."

On working with the talented Mr. Larocca, Ben says that "the art is just great! I look forward to every page with great relish!" Sal also will be making his impact felt, as *Kitty Pryde* will be going back to a more stealthy, streamlined look — something a little more suited to someone who still uses the code-name *"Shadowcat!"* And it appears that these guys are just getting revved up!

ADVENTURES IN THE BULLPEN

While the New York Yankees were winning the World Series (Yaaay! Sorry, Atlanta fans!), some of the greats of the comics industry were doing some working — and partying — of their own at the Dynamic Forces Convention at the New York Hyatt. Reports are that a gaggle of comics people gathered after the con to have dinner, schmooze, and basically frighten all the normal people in midtown with post-convention craziness. Mentionable moments included writer and all-around performer *Todd Dezago* meeting both his SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN collaborator *Mike Wieringo* and all-new CABLE penciler *Randy Green* for the first time face-to-face; and KA-ZAR writer *Mark Waid* relating the most horrifying entry in the roundtable discussion of "What was your worst date ever?" Hey, who says creative people have no lives?...

Hmmm... It seems DC executive editor and all-around "Super" guy *Mike Carlin* has been showing up at the Marvel offices lately... usually in mysterious meetings with *Ralph Macchio* and *Tom Brevoort*... who, coincidentally, have both been working with DC on the ALL ACCESS limited series that's been crossing over Marvel and DC characters. Could this be heralding another major joint effort by the two biggest comics companies? Could we possibly top last year's best-selling crossover event? These guys ain't telling, and neither are we... yet. Keep watching this space...!

DESIGN BY COMICRAFT

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It's a crossover event that editor *Ralph Macchio* believes should have happened a long time ago — Marvel's sightless swashbuckler, *Daredevil*, in action with DC Comics' Dark Knight, *Batman*! "Teaming up these characters seems to make more sense than any other Marvel/DC pairing we've seen. It's a really logical pairing," insists Riotous Russo. Next week, fans of both characters get to see these two classic heroes meet for the first time in the 48-page one-shot special, DAREDEVIL/BATMAN.

The creative team for this intercompany [illegible] is *D.G. Chichester* and *Scott McDaniel*. Neither are strangers to Batman/DD's adventures, having been the writer/artist combo on DD's mag for several years, in a widely acclaimed run that brought readers, among other memorable tales, the classic "Fall From Grace" storyline. Both have also contributed to the Gotham Guardian's mythos, with the *Batman: Orient* and *Punishment* one-shot featuring *Two-Face*, and more recently, as regular penciler of DC's *Nightwing* series. Now they reunite to tell the tale of what happens when these two crimefighters investigate two leads on the same crime — Matt from Gotham and DD from New York — and cross paths not knowing whether the other guy is the responsible party! Aw, heck, you read comics, you know what happens: they fight!

But these two better make peace quick because when the [illegible] club unites, they've got to take on the most [illegible] villains: Batman's nemesis, *Two-Face*, and DD's old [illegible] partner, *Mr. Hyde*! Much like Daredevil and Batman themselves, they're two villains with remarkably similar motivations and methods — and the combo of *Two-Face*'s sinister brain and *Hyde*'s brutal brawn is sure to give both DD and Batman the fight of their lives! In seven days, you can have a ringside seat!

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INCREDIBLE HULK #451 The *Hulk* takes over an entire island and makes himself ruler! What are Gilligan and the Skipper gonna say about this?!! By *Peter David* and *Mike Deodato, Jr.*!

IRON MAN #5 Look out, *Iron Man* — here comes *Whirlwind*, and you're stuck without your armor! Talk about a situation that really blows... By *Jim Lee, Scott Lobdell*, and *Whilce Portacio*!

PUNISHER #15 The *MLF* complex has blown up real good, and the *Punisher* is among the missing! Has *Frank Castle* really gone to that big ammo dump in the sky? Guest-starring *Spider-Man* and *Daredevil*! By *John Ostrander* and *Tom Lyle*!

DAREDEVIL/BATMAN It's Marvel's Scarlet Swashbuckler and DC's Dark Knight in a once-in-a-lifetime crossover event, teamed up against the split-personality nastiness of *Mr. Hyde* and *Two-Face*! By *D.G. Chichester* and *Scott McDaniel*!

WHAT IF #95 In this chilling alternate reality, *Ghost Rider* is on the trail of a serial killer — named *Danny Ketch*?! By *Ivan Velez, Jr.* and *Eric Battle*!

THE ADVENTURES OF SPIDER-MAN #12 Teaming up for the first time ever, it's *Doc Ock* and *Venom* — and this unholy alliance spells big headaches for good ol' Spidey! By *Glenn Greenberg* and *Alex Saviuk*!

PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN #78 Terrorists have seized control of the ESU campus, and *Spider-Man's* about to take [illegible] to the school of hard knocks! A special issue told from the perspective of *Mary Jane Parker*! By *Howard Mackie* and *John Romita, Jr.*!

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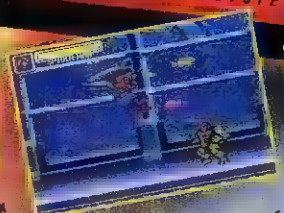

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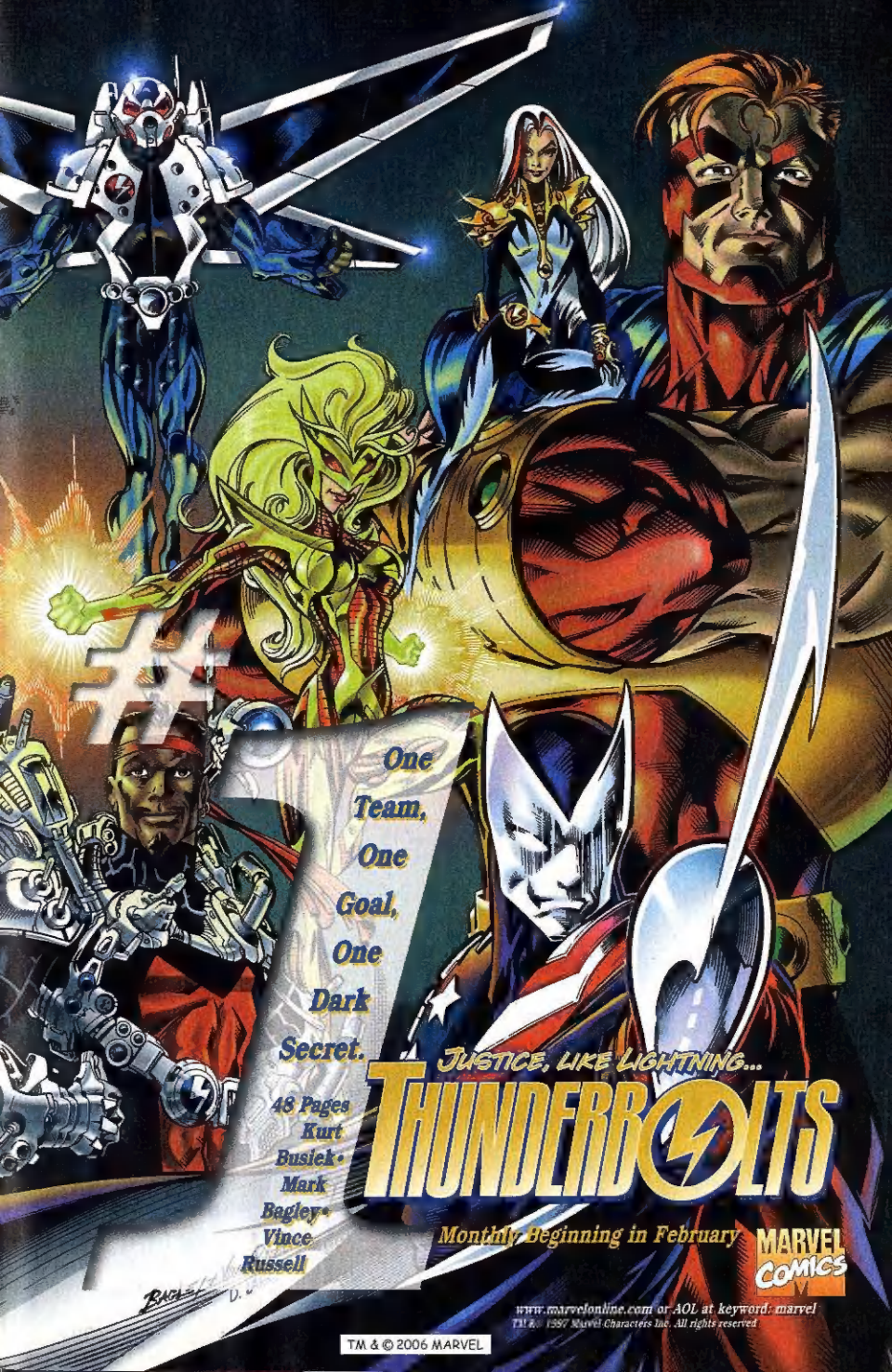
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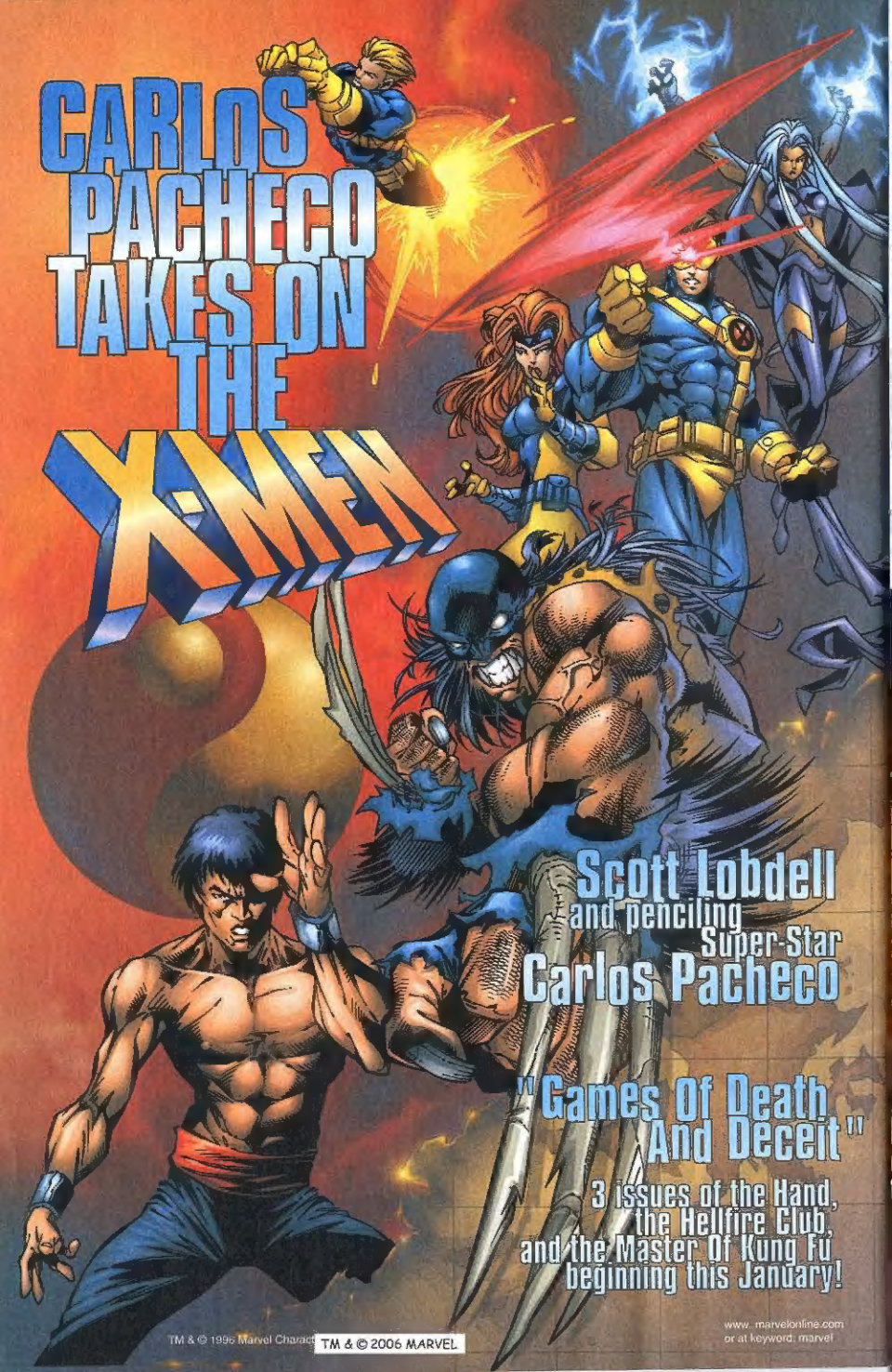
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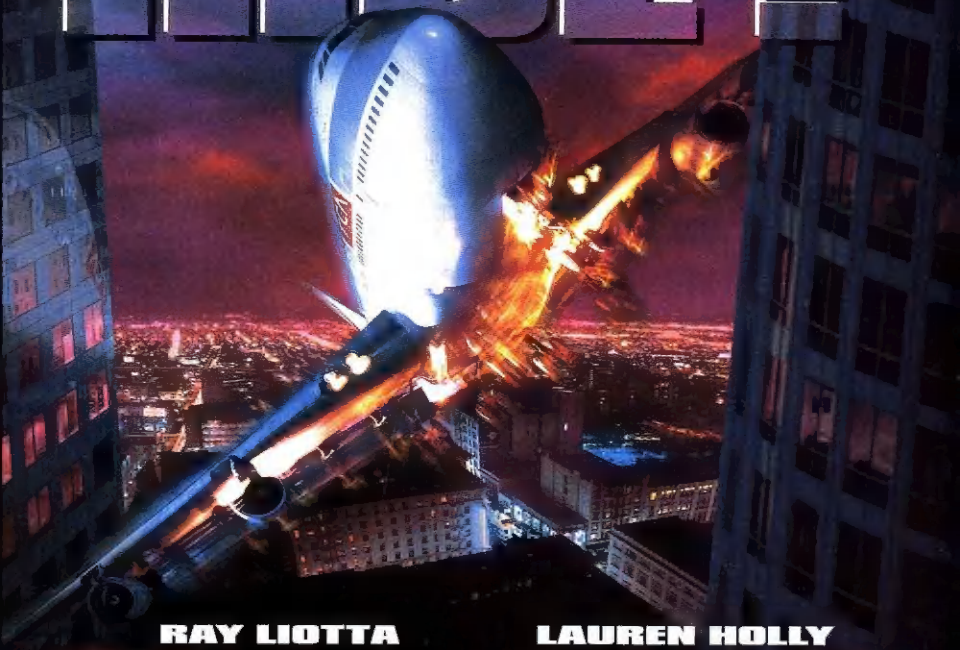

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